

**UTILITY PATENT  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-14501. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (Incorporated within this form)(The filing fee is deferred).2. ☒ Specification Total Pages **[35]**3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) Total Sheets **[4]**4. ☐ Oath or Declaration Total Pages [ ]**NOT attached; deferred under P.L. 97-247.**a. ☐ Newly executed (original)b. ☐ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed).i. ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s)Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in prior application,  
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).5. ☐ Incorporation by reference (useable if box 4b is checked)The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is  
supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying  
application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)a. ☐ Computer Readable Copyb. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)c. ☐ Statement Verifying identity of above copies**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**8. ☐ Assignment to ***PIONEER CORPORATION, Tokyo, Japan.*****Please publish the assignee data with the application.**9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) [ ] Power of Attorney031356 U.S. PTO  
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10. ☐ English translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement [1] Copy of IDS Citation w/PTO-1449 and 1 reference
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
14. ☐ Small Entity Status is claimed.
15. ☒ Claim for Convention Priority [1] Certified copy of Priority Document is enclosed
- a. Priority of Japanese application no. 2003-046306 filed on February 24, 2003 is claimed under 35 USC 119.
16. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:
- ☐ Continuation ☐ Division ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_.

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